AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS:

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings of claims in the application.

Listing Of Claims:

Claims 1 - 21. (Cancelled)

Claim 22. (New) A method of using a recording material for a holographic volume storage medium containing at least one dye which changes its spatial arrangement when a hologram is recorded and optionally at least one shape –anisotropic grouping, where the dye permits the recording of at least three holograms at one specimen position, with the proviso that the recording material has an irradiated

$$X^{1} \xrightarrow{(R^{1})_{m}}$$

$$N \xrightarrow{(R^{2})_{n}}$$

$$(I)$$

thickness of 1.0 mm to 5 cm. and at least one dye has an absorption maximum of the $\pi\pi^*$ band that is less than or equal to 400 nm and the dye conforming structurally to formula (I)

wherein

R¹ and R² each independently of the other represents hydrogen or a non ionic substituent, and

R¹ may additionally represent -X^{1'}-R³,

m and n each independently of the other represents an integer from 0 to 4,

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- X¹ and X² represent -X¹'-R³ and X²'-R⁴, respectively, and
- $X^{1'}$ and $X^{2'}$ represent a direct bond, -O-, -S-, -(N-R⁵)-, -C(R⁶R⁷)-, -(C=O)-, -(CO-O)-, -(CO-NR⁵)-, -(SO₂-O)-, -(SO₂-NR⁵)-, -(C=NR⁸)- or -(CNR⁸-NR⁵)-,
- R^3 , R^4 , R^5 and R^8 each independently of the others represents hydrogen, C_{1^-} to C_{20^-} alkyl, C_{3^-} to C_{10^-} cycloalkyl, C_{2^-} to C_{20^-} alkenyl, C_{6^-} to C_{10^-} aryl, C_{1^-} to C_{20^-} alkyl-(C=O)-, C_{3^-} to C_{10^-} cycloalkyl-(C=O)-, C_{1^-} to C_{20^-} alkenyl-(SO₂)-, C_{3^-} to C_{10^-} cycloalkyl-(SO₂)-, C_{2^-} to C_{20^-} alkenyl-(SO₂)- or C_{6^-} to C_{10^-} aryl-(SO₂)-, or
- $X^{1'}$ - R^3 and $X^{2'}$ - R^4 may represent hydrogen, halogen, cyano, nitro, CF_3 or CCI_3 ,
- R^6 and R^7 each independently of the other represents hydrogen, halogen, C_{1-} to C_{20-} alkyl, C_{1-} to C_{20-} alkoxy, C_{3-} to C_{10-} cycloalkyl, C_{2-} to C_{20-} alkenyl or C_{6-} to C_{10-} aryl.
- Claim 23. (New) The method of Claim 22 further comprising angle-dependent reading of a volume hologram.